

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of October 25, 2007, Applicants have amended the claims, which when considered with the following remarks, is deemed to place the present application in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. The amendments to the claims have been made in the interest of expediting prosecution of this case. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the same or similar subject matter in this or another application.

Claims 1 and 3-54 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claims 30, 31, 33 and 34 have been amended and Claims 8, 10-21, and 25-28 were withdrawn from consideration due to a restriction requirement. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 22-24 and 29-54 are now under examination in this application. Support for the amendment of Claims 30 and 31 can be found throughout the specification, e.g., paragraphs [0061] and [0064] and Claim 29. Support for the amendment of Claims 33 and 34 can be found throughout the specification, e.g., paragraphs [0061] and [0066] and Claim 32. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added to this application. Moreover, it is believed that the claims as presented herein place the application in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 30, 31, 33 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, it is the

Claim 7 (previously presented) The speaker damper according to claim 6, wherein a fixing binder is applied to secure each of said fastening strings to the corresponding said valley segment and to said metallic whisker.